Tennessee Evolution Statutes[j1]

PUBLIC ACTS [j2] OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

PASSED BY THE SIXTY - FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1925 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  CHAPTER NO. 27  House Bill No. 185  (By Mr. Butler[j3] )

AN ACT prohibiting the teaching of the Evolution Theory in all the Universities, Normals[j4]  and all other public schools of Tennessee, which are supported in whole or in part by the public school funds of the State, and to provide penalties for the violations thereof. [j5] [j6]

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the* *State of Tennessee*, That it shall be unlawful for any teacher in any of the Universities, Normals and all other public schools of the State which are supported in whole or in part by the public school funds of the State, to teach any theory that denies the story of the Divine Creation of man as taught in the Bible, and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals. [j7]

Section 2. *Be it further enacted*, That any teacher found guilty of the violation of this Act, Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than One Hundred $ (100.00) Dollars nor more than Five Hundred ($ 500.00) [j8] Dollars for each offense.

Section 3. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed March 13, 1925  W. F. Barry,  *Speaker of the House of Representatives*

L. D. Hill,  *Speaker of the Senate*

Approved March 21, 1925. Austin Peay, *Governor.*

 [j1]State issue. Why is the state getting involved in this?

 [j2]This is only for public? What about private schools?

 [j3]Sounds like a white man.

 [j4]Is normal just a public school?

 [j5]What type of penalties are there?

 [j6]It seems specific to only public schools.

 [j7]Tennessee must be heavily religious.

 [j8]Was that a lot for their time period?

Tennessee Evolution [m1] [m2] [m3] Statutes

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

PASSED BY THE SIXTY - FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1925 [m4] \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  CHAPTER NO. 27  House Bill No. 185  (By Mr. Butler[m5] [m6] )

AN ACT prohibiting the teaching of the Evolution Theory in all the Universities, Normals and all other public schools of Tennessee, which are supported in whole or in part by the public school funds of the State[m7] , and to provide penalties for the violations thereof.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the* *State of Tennessee*, That it shall be unlawful for any teacher in any of the Universities, Normals and all other public schools of the State which are supported in whole or in part by the public school funds of the State, to teach any theory that denies the story of the Divine Creation of man as taught in the Bible[m8] [m9] , and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order [m10] of animals.[m11]

Section 2. *Be it further enacted*, That any teacher found guilty[m12]  of the violation of this Act, Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor[m13]  and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than One Hundred $ (100.00) Dollars nor more than Five Hundred ($ 500.00) Dollars for each offense. [m14]

Section 3. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed March 13, 1925  W. F. Barry,  *Speaker of the House of Representatives*

L. D. Hill,  *Speaker of the Senate*

Approved March 21, 1925. Austin Peay, *Governor.*

 [m1]This involves the state, and will eventually lead to the involvement of the federal government (Supreme Court).

 [m2]Was Tennessee a Christian state?

 [m3]Was that where Mr. Scopes taught?

 [m4]A lot of things happened in this year. 1925

 [m5]This is why it’s called the Butler Act.

 [m6]Did he side with Scopes? What is his bias?

 [m7]Tax money goes to the teachings – must mean that most people believe that it shouldn’t be taught.

 [m8]Evident that religion rules out over science during that time period.

 [m9]Did not like the new ideas being taught to their children.

 [m10]Believe that humans are superior above all animals.

 [m11]People were ashamed/did not want to believe that they descended from animals.

 [m12]Would they be banned from teaching? Fired, obviously?

 [m13]This means it’s not a serious crime?

 [m14]How much was this compared to modern times?

Tennessee Evolution Statutes[c1] [c2]

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

PASSED BY THE SIXTY - FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1925 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  CHAPTER NO. 27  House Bill No. 185  (By Mr. Butler[c3] )

AN ACT prohibiting the teaching of the Evolution Theory in all the Universities[c4] , Normals and all other public schools of Tennessee[c5] , which are supported in whole or in part by the public school funds of the State, and to provide penalties for the violations thereof. [c6]

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the* *State of Tennessee*, That it shall be unlawful for any teacher in any of the Universities, Normals and all other public schools of the State which are supported in whole or in part by the public school funds of the State, to teach any theory that denies the story of the Divine Creation of man as taught in the Bible, and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals[c7] . [c8]

Section 2. *Be it further enacted*, That any teacher found guilty of the violation of this Act, Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than One Hundred $ (100.00) Dollars nor more than Five Hundred ($ 500.00) Dollars for each offense. [c9]

Section 3. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. [c10]

Passed March 13, 1925  W. F. Barry,  *Speaker of the House of Representatives*

L. D. Hill,  *Speaker of the Senate*

Approved March 21, 1925. Austin Peay, *Governor.*

 [c1]These are the laws that ended up leading to the Scopes Trial.

 [c2]Why is the state getting involved in this issue?

 [c3]Mr. Butler must be the man who wrote this. His laws will end up causing one of the most important court cases ever.

 [c4]This shouldn’t be allowed. You are supposed to teach kids everything that you can. You can’t just teach them one side of the fence.

 [c5]So does this apply to every kind of school in Tennessee?

 [c6]What kind of penalties will there be?

 [c7]This reminds me of how the Japanese edited some of their history books.

 [c8]So basically they are editing Darwin’s theory out of history? That’s not right.

 [c9]That’s a pretty big fine.

 [c10]I don’t believe in this law.

Tennessee Evolution Statutes[a1]

PUBLIC ACTS [a2] OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

PASSED BY THE SIXTY - FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1925 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  CHAPTER NO. 27  House Bill No. 185  (By Mr. Butler[a3] )

AN ACT prohibiting the teaching of the Evolution Theory in all the Universities, Normals and all other public schools of Tennessee, which are supported in whole or in part by the public school funds of the State, and to provide penalties for the violations thereof. [a4]

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the* *State of Tennessee*, That it shall be unlawful for any teacher in any of the Universities, Normals and all other public schools of the State which are supported in whole or in part by the public school funds of the State, to teach any theory that denies the story of the Divine Creation[a5]  of man as taught in the Bible, and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals.

Section 2. *Be it further enacted*, That any teacher found guilty [a6] of the violation of this Act, Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than One Hundred $ (100.00) Dollars nor more than Five Hundred ($ 500.00) Dollars for each offense.

Section 3. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed March 13, 1925  W. F. Barry,  *Speaker of the House of Representatives* [a7]

L. D. Hill,  *Speaker of the Senate*

Approved March 21, 1925. Austin Peay, *Governor.* [a8]

 [a1]Why is the state involved in this?

 [a2]Effects everything to the public like schools.

 [a3]The guy who wrote this document.

 [a4]Means that people who teach evolution will be penalized.

 [a5]Schools funded by the state cannot teach evolution, just Creationism.

 [a6]John Scopes was found guilty.

 [a7]Law could be passed nationwide.

 [a8]Law is already passed statewide.

"Darwin is right! inside."

The trial was held in Dayton, TN, where the Butler Act was put into effect, so obviously Scopes was convicted.

agreed.

Scopes violated the Butler Act. The end

Scopes got convicted.

I thought the penalty was just a fine, right?

oh yea

Was the Butler Act made before or after the scopes trial?

I think before. but idk... it has to be before because why would he get arrested if there was no law aganist it...yea that makes sense  kinda

they coulda made up the law to justify the fact that they arrested him afterwards.. ;

illegal immigration was already illegal but they made a law after it. i?) dont think they can make a law that fast..look it up allan...

Who was darrow and bryan?

the lawyers?

cool. They sound really cool

Simpsons: wanted to get more people in church;

TN town, wanted to attract people for discussion of evolution to get money because they were going bankrupt.

good connection

Im never going to tennessee

good idea

The simpsons ep did a good job of presenting the outline of the trial in a funny way.

I liked the simpsons way

Chat

Mandy: hi guys

10:35 Cam: hola

10:35 Jackie: yoooo guys virtual high five!

10:35 Allan: lol

10:38 Mandy: IM HOOOOOOOOOOOOONGRRRRRY

10:38 Jackie: I KNOW THIS LOLIPOP IS PRETTY GOOD THOUGH

10:38 Cam: Dunkins and CVS in 50 min

10:38 Jackie: aight

10:40 Cam: so interesting

10:41 Jackie: I dont know if tennesse is a christian state

10:41 Cam: idc

10:42 Cam: good comments allan

10:42 Mandy: DEATH PENALTYYYYYYYYYTY RAWR RAWRR RAWR

10:42 Cam: lol

10:42 Allan: thank u

10:42 Jackie: i agree with cameron, that is a big fine

10:42 Jackie: cam, I dont believe in this law either

10:43 Cam: Thanks for agreeing

10:43 Mandy: IS THIS A LOT OF CASH MONEYYYY

10:43 Mandy: $$$$$$$$$$$$

10:43 Cam: $$$

10:44 Jackie: MONEYY

10:45 Cam: FUN

10:46 Jackie: so who believes in evolution?

10:46 Mandy: Was scopes foudn guilty in the supreme court.

10:46 Mandy: i dont.

10:46 Mandy: LOL

10:46 Cam: i do i guess

10:46 Jackie: me too

10:46 Cam: yay

10:46 Jackie: only cause im not religious

10:47 Cam: samed

10:47 Cam: same\*

10:47 Cam: why isnt allan talking?

10:47 Jackie: plus it makes sense

10:47 Jackie: LOLO

10:47 Allan: i believe in it i guess

10:47 Mandy: impossible

10:47 Mandy: !

10:47 Jackie: NO!

10:47 Cam: please not this convo

10:47 Jackie: allan get out

10:47 Jackie: jk

10:47 Cam: lol

10:51 Allan: defyed aganist amendment.

10:51 Jackie: you cant spell

10:51 Cam: theres an i allan

10:51 Allan: im going into 9th grade, giv me a break D:

10:51 Cam: no breaks for you

10:51 Cam: freshman

10:51 Jackie: i dont believe in creationism

10:51 Cam: me either

10:51 Allan: me too

10:51 Jackie: imagine if jonathan was here LOL

10:51 Cam: lol

10:52 Jackie: dun dun dun

10:52 Jackie: dont live in tennessee...ever

10:53 Cam: thats the message were trying to spread

10:57 Mandy: it's sean simmons's birthday o\_o

10:59 Allan: whos gonna write the thingy over there <-----

11:01 Mandy: we write it in our word docs.

11:01 Allan: oh

11:03 Cam: idk what we are doing

11:11 Mandy: 15 minutesss

11:11 Jackie: damn they're looking at our chatr

11:11 Mandy: you just swore

11:11 Mandy: rofl

11:12 Jackie: oops